

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-39 are currently pending. Claims 22-39 have been objected to. Claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-39 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Cancelled claim 22 has been objected to for being cancelled in response to an Office Action dated March 11, 2005 for retaining the text of said claim within the associated office action response. As such, the remaining text of cancelled claim 22 has been currently removed in the present response. The remainder of the claims have been presented without amendment in accordance with the response filed on June 10, 2005.

Claims 23-39 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(b) for defining a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguished them from the references. In particular, the Examiner objects to the general allegation in the response to an Office Action dated March 11, 2005 for failing to distinguish the newly added claims from the cited prior art references U.S. Patent No. 4,210,303 to Torta et al., (hereinafter "Torta") and U.S. Patent No. 6,336,619 to Wahls, (hereinafter "Wahls").

Claim 23, in similar fashion to the current amendment to claim 21, has been drafted to include the limitation of a "U-shaped lever". Neither Torta nor Wahls contains a U-shaped lever. As the Examiner is well aware, "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). As such neither Torta nor Wahls disclose all of the limitations of claim 23. Therefore, Applicant submits that a future rejection of claim 23 under §102 based on either Torta or Wahls, or a combination thereof, would be improper.

As claims 24-39 depend from independent claim 23, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance, at a minimum, by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim. Such favorable action is respectfully requested. Therefore, for at least the reasons stated above, newly added claims 23-39 have are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Therefore, claims 1-6, 8-21, and 23-39 are currently pending, are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

In addition, a change in the correspondence address is requested and a change of correspondence form is submitted herewith. As required by MPEP § 601.03, the established correspondence address is being changed by the patent practitioner of record, and this notification includes the phone number of the patent practitioner of record as 816-474-6550.

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If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action.

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